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SUBJECT: ANOTHER REPORT OF LOCATED "MISSING PERSONS"

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1. THE MISSING PERSONS BUREAU OF THE ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY (OCTOBER 14) THAT 159 "DESAPARECIDOS" (MISSING PERSONS) HAD BEEN LOCATED SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1970. A FILE CHECK OF THE 159 NAMES AGAINST THE 7,000 PLUS ENTRIES IN THE EMBASSY'S HUMAN RIGHTS DATA FILES PRODUCED 10 MATCHES.

2. WE AGAIN CONCLUDE THAT YESTERDAY'S LIST LIKE THE PREVIOUS FEDERAL POLICE LISTS ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER, AUGUST AND APRIL ARE COMPOSED OF REGULAR "MISSING PERSONS" CASES.

3. ALTHOUGH THE SPANISH LANGUAGE PRESS GAVE FRONT-
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ANNOUNCEMENT, THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD NOTED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS GORUPS HAVE CRITICIZED THE PUBLICATION OF SIMILAR LISTS IN THE PAST BECAUSE THEY CONTAINED ONLY "COMMON" CASES AND HAD RAISED FALSE HOPES AMONG RELATIVES OF PERSONS WHO HAVE ALLEGEDLY DISAPPEARED FOR "POLITICAL" REASONS.

4. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO NEW REAPPEARANCE REPORTS IN THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS.
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